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1. THE RAMALLAH MILGOV HAS NOTIFIED BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY'S ADMINISTRATION THAT WORK PERMITS WILL NOT BE GRANTED TO SEVEN FOREIGNERS NOW ON THE FACULTY. THE SEVEN INCLUDE ONE CANADIAN, ONE BRITISH CITIZEN, AND FIVE AMERICANS: HUGH HARCOURT, ROBERT ADKINS, DONALD HOLROYD, NAFIZ NAZZAL (AN ARAB-AMERICAN BORN IN THE WEST BANK) AND SAID ATAMNEH (ALSO AN ISRAELI CITIZEN).
2. NAZZAL CONVEYED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION TO CONGEN OFFICE APRIL 19. ACCORDING TO HIM, THE MILGOV'S DECISION IS FINAL AND SUBJECT TO NO FURTHER APPEAL. NO REASON WAS STATED FOR THE DENIAL. THESE FOREIGNERS ARE IMMEDIATELY SUBJECT TO ORDER TO LEAVE, BUT MILGOV HAS TOLD ADMINISTRATION HE WILL ALLOW THEM TO FINISH THE PERSENT TERM AS A FAVOR.
3. ACCORDING TO NAZZAL, ADKINS HAS ALREADY CONTACTED A SENATOR AND CONGRESSMAN IN HIS HOME STATE OF MARYLAND TO PROTEST THE DECISION. NAZZAL HIMSELF PLANS TO MEET WITH
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OFFICIALS IN THE GOI INTERIOR MINISTRY AND HAVE ISRAELI AND JEWISH FRIENDS TRY TO INFLUENCE THE GOI TO TAKE A MORE FAVORABLE STAND.

4. ACCORDING TO NAZZAL, BOTH HARCOURT AND ADKINS DURING THEIR YEAR AT BIR ZEIT ADOPTED RELATIVELY HIGH POLITICAL PROFILES.,. E.G. VISITING ARRESTED STUDENTS, SIGNING PETITIONS AND SPEAKING

WITH NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS. HOWEVER, HOLROYD WAS COMPLETELY NON-POLITICAL, NAZZAL SAID.

5. RECALLING POSSIBLE APPLICABILITY OF TREATY OF FCN TO WEST BANK (REFTEL), CONGEN NOTES RELEVANCE OF TREATY TO THIS SITUATION. ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 2 OF TREATY STIPULATES THAT "NATIONALS OF EITHER PARTY SHALL NOT BE BARRED FROM PRACTISING THE PROFESSIONS WITHIN THE TERRITORIES OF THE OTHER PARTY MERELY BY REASON OF THEIR ALIENAGE; BUT THEY SHALL BE PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES THEREIN UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS, RESIDENCE AND COMPETENCE THAT ARE APPLICABLE TO NATIONALS OF SUCH OTHER PARTY." IN THE PAST YEAR CONGEN HAS ISSUED J-Q VISAS PERMITTING 218 LOCAL RESIDENTS TO ENTER THE U.S. TO ENGAGE IN PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, PREDOMINATELY EDUCATION. 214 OF THE VISA RECIPIENTS HAD ISRAELI PASSPORTS, 4 HAD JORDANIAN PASSPORTS.

6. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THE MILGOV HAS ALWAYS GRANTED AMERICAN PROFESSORS AT BIR ZEIT WORK PERMITS IN THE PAST ALTHOUGH OFTEN AFTER A LONG DELAY. SEVERAL AMERICAN PROFESSORS WHO OBTAINED THEIR WORK PERMITS LAST YEAR (DURING QUIETER TIMES) ARE THUS FAR UNAFFECTED. PRESENT HARDLINE MAY REFLECT MILGOV'S DISPLEASURE WITH PARTICIPATION OF BIR ZEIT STUDENTS, IN RECENT ANTI-ISRAELI DEMONSTRATIONS AND DESIRE TO REDUCE NUMBER OF FOREIGN CONFIDENTIAL

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